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SUBJECT: SAUDI PARTICIPATION IN EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT

1. I SAW PRINCE SAUDI, SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD IN RIYADH LATE THIS AFTERNOON (MAY 31).

2. FAHD SAID THE CABINET ON MAY 28 HAD DISCUSSED SAUDI BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR EGYPT AND DECIDED TO GIVE EGYPT "AT LEAST" \$250 MILLION ADDITIONAL AID. PRINCE SAUD PUT IT THIS WAY: "IF YOU AND IRAN GIVE \$500 MILLION, REST ASSURED WE WILL MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE."

3. THE SAUDIS ARE PLEASED WITH THE U.S. DECISION TO GIVE EGYPT \$250 MILLION AND HOPE THAT IRAN WILL INCREASE ITS ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT.

4. THEY DO NOT RPT NOT WISH PRESIDENT FORD OR SECRETARY KISSINGER TO MENTION ANY OF THIS TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND THEY ARE EVEN MORE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR INTENTION. BOTH PRINCES SAID THAT SAUDI AID TO
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EGYPT IS ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL AND THEY DO NOT RPT

NOT WISH TO GIVE SADAT OR ANY OTHER ARAB LEADER THE
IDEA THAT THEIR ASSISTANCE RESULTS EITHER FROM
AMERICAN PRESSURE OR AMERICAN PERSUASION.
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